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FOR ROBERT PACE

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: BILATERAL TALKS DURING UNGA: PARAGUAY - FOREIGN
MINISTER ALBERTO NOGUES

1. ISSUE: PANAMA CANAL TREATY SIGNING.

U.S. OBJECTIVE: CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE PARAGUAYAN GOVERNMENT FOR THIS TREATY.

PARAGUAY'S OBJECTIVE: MINISTER NOGUES REQUESTED A VERY BRIEF MEETING WITH YOU, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM PRESIDENT STROESSNER, TO THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF HIS GOVERNMENT FOR THE INVITATION TO THE SIGNING CEREMONY, THE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER AND THE HOSPITALITY ACCORDED STROESSNER WHILE IN WASHINGTON.

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POINTS TO BE MADE:

-- WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE SOLIDARITY OF PARAGUAY IN JOINING WITH OTHER HEMISPHERE COUNTRIES TO SUPPORT THE U.S. INITIATIVE FOR A NEW PANAMA CANAL TREATY.

2. ISSUE: PARAGUAY AND THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS

COMMISSION.

U.S. OBJECTIVE: WE NOW HAVE A WRITTEN COMMITMENT THAT THE PARAGUAYAN GOVERNMENT WILL PERMIT A VISIT BY THE IAHRC "AT A MUTUALLY AGREEABLE TIME" IF, AS IS ALMOST CERTAIN, THE IAHRC IS NOT SATISFIED WITH THE PARAGUAYAN RESPONSE TO A SPECIAL HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT THE COMMISSION HAS PREPARED. WE WANT THE GOP TO WORK OUT A SPECIFIC DATE FOR THE VISIT WITH THE IAHRC AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

PARAGUAY'S OBJECTIVE: TO OBTAIN U.S. APPROVAL OF PARAGUAYAN LOAN APPLICATIONS IN THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

ESSENTIAL FACTORS: PRESIDENT STROESSNER AGREED TO A VISIT AFTER THE FEBRUARY 1978 ELECTIONS FOLLOWING STROESSNER'S BILATERAL WITH PRESIDENT CARTER. NONETHELESS, THERE REMAINS A RESIDUE OF DOUBT THAT THE COMMITMENT WILL BE HONORED, BASED ON THE PAST RECORD OF NOT KEEPING A GOP PLEDGE LAST MAY. THUS, THE CHRISTOPHER COMMITTEE AGREED TO SUPPORT ONLY THREE AID LOANS AND THE ONE IDB GRANT FOR POTABLE WATER PRESENTLY BEFORE THE BANK. THE COMMITTEE DECIDED TO CONSIDER FUTURE PARAGUAYAN LOAN APPLICATIONS ON THE BASIS OF HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITIONS AND COOPERATION WITH THE IAHRC THEN PREVAILING.

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POINTS TO BE MADE:

-- WE WERE VERY PLEASED THAT PARAGUAY HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE A VISIT BY THE IAHRC.

-- THIS ACT OF COOPERATION ENABLED THE U.S. TO SUPPORT CERTAIN NEW AID LOANS AND AN IDB GRANT FOR POTABLE WATER FOR ASUNCION.

-- UNDER PREVAILING U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS LEGISLATION, COOPERATION WITH GROUPS LIKE THE IAHRC, AS WELL AS IMPROVEMENTS IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION, ARE ESSENTIAL FOR OUR CONTINUED ASSISTANCE. WE HOPE PARAGUAY CAN QUICKLY ARRANGE WITH THE IAHRC A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE, SPECIFIC DATE FOR THE VISIT.

3. ISSUE: FMS CREDITS (IF ASKED)

U.S. OBJECTIVE: THERE IS OBJECTION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT TO SIGNING THE FY 77 FMS CREDIT AGREEMENT (\$500,000) BECAUSE OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN PARAGUAY, AND BECAUSE IT IS A MARGINAL PROGRAM.

PARAGUAY'S OBJECTIVE: TO RETAIN THIS CREDIT AND CLOSE
WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S. MILITARY.

ESSENTIAL FACTORS: THE FY 77 AGREEMENT MUST BE SIGNED
BY SEPTEMBER 30, OR THE FUNDS WILL BE LOST. THE SHORT-
NESS OF YOUR BILATERAL WITH MINISTER NOGUES WILL NOT
ALLOW TIME FOR A SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE.
THE PARAGUAYAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOT BEEN INFORMED THAT WE
DO NOT NOW PLAN TO SIGN, AND IT WOULD DETRACT FROM THE
COURTESY ASPECT OF THIS MEETING FOR YOU TO DO SO ON THIS
OCCASION.

POINTS TO BE MADE:
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-- IF ASKED, YOU SHOULD STATE THAT THE PROSPECTS LOOK
DIM FOR AN FMS PROGRAM FOR FY 77, BUT WE ARE HOPEFUL
THAT SOMETHING CAN BE DONE FOR FY 78. CHRISTOPHER

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